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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application for Change of Use at 107 Highgate Road, London NW5

I am writing to support the above planning application for change of use from retail to a doctor's surgery, D1 use.

Parliament Hill Surgery currently occupies premises at 113 to 117 Highgate Road, NW5. Unfortunately the premises are too small, clinical rooms are fully utilised, and there is no capacity to expand. The practice manager's office is not only used for administration purposes but it is also used as a counselling room. There is no scope for training or patient group meetings.

Proposals to expand into 107 Highgate Road will enable the practice to make some minor alterations to their existing premises to provide an additional consulting room, and work stations. This will enable the practice to expand the no of clinical sessions they currently have and develop their primary care medical services.

The additional unit will provide a much needed meeting/training room and in conjunction with the additional consulting room, the practice will be able to provide additional capacity for training. The practice will be able to take on an additional two GP trainees, the practice have already received financial support from the London Deanery to enable this. The large meeting/training room will also allow the practice to provide patient group meetings.

NHS Camden fully supports the change of use of 107 Highgate Road from retail to a doctor's surgery and the subsequent expansion of the Parliament Hill Surgery and I hope you will look upon this application favourably.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely



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